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1. The number of Socialists in Spanish prisons is about one-fourth that of affiliates of the Confederacion Nacional del Trabajo (CNT) and one-third that of Communists. In general the Socialists are leaderless, apathetic, and disorganized so that their importance as a political group inside the prisons is negligible.
2. Although the Socialists are extremely anti-Communist, they have refused to join the CNT membership in actively opposing the Partido Comunista Español in the prisons. Because of the apathy of the Socialists, the Communists regard them as an unimportant opponent.
3. The Socialist membership is made up for the most part of former leaders of the party who hope that they will again assume positions of importance upon their release. In general they are adherents of the Indalecio PRIETO Tuero (moderate) faction of the party and incline toward the political line of the British Labor Government in international affairs.
4. There are few young Socialists in prison. [REDACTED] the majority of Socialist prisoners were over 50 years old indicated that the Socialists had been unsuccessful in recruiting Spanish youth.

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